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AND
HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

TO: Pat Flood

FROM: Frank S.

The attached is for
your information.

Could you follow up on this
with RP, in particular with
Mary Kavallinas and Jim
Purcell. The money still
hasn't moved. Mary told me
some weeks ago they would try
to do this via a reprogramming

Thanks.

*Done 3/7/80
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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/29/79 (SIEVERTS, FRANK A.) OR-O

TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR

SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PROGRAM IN
ARGENTINA
REF: GENEVA 10841 AND PREVIOUS
(C-ENTIRE TEXT)

1. PLEASE INFORM ICRC THAT USG HOPES TO CONTRIBUTE TO
ICRC'S PROGRAM TO ASSIST REFUGEES AND DETAINEES IN
ARGENTINA.
2. WE HOPE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS FROM THE REFUGEE
EMERGENCY FUND AFTER IT IS REPLENISHED BY THE SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS. FINAL
ACTION ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL IS EXPECTED IN JULY.
3. IN INFORMING ICRC YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT PROVIDING FUNDS
FROM THE REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUND REQUIRES A PRESIDENTIAL
DETERMINATION, AND THAT WE CANNOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT TO
PROVIDE THE FUNDS UNTIL THE DETERMINATION IS SIGNED BY THE
PRESIDENT. WE WILL TRY TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS BY AUGUST.
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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR

SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC ~~PROGRAM~~
PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

REF: GENEVA 10085

1. (C ENTIRE TEXT) ICRC HAS AGAIN INQUIRED IF THERE IS A RESPONSE FROM THE USG ON ITS REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINIAN PRISONER PROGRAM. REQUEST RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND PREVIOUS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR
SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PRISONER PROGRAM
IN ARGENTINA

REF: (A) GENEVA 10075 (B) GENEVA 8877

ICRC SUMMARY OF ITS ARGENTINA PRISONER PROGRAM FORWARDED
REF A. IN DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICERS, CONVERS AND
CORTESY OF ICRC OFFERED CONVINCING ARGUMENTS THAT THIS
PROGRAM AFFORDED A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO THE
ARGENTINIAN PRISONERS, MAINLY IN INHIBITING DISAPPEARANCES,
AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN AMELIORATING PRISON CONDITIONS.
THE PROGRAM IS CONTINUING AND WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL
550,000 SWISS FRANCS FOR THE BALANCE OF CY 1979. A NEW
APPEAL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE 1980 PROGRAM, BUT ICRC
DOES NOT WISH TO LAUNCH A NEW APPEAL NOW, PREFERRED TO
GIVE THE US AND OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE QUIET CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO AN ON-GOING PROGRAM. THEY HOPED THE US
COULD NOW CONTRIBUTE. PLEASE ADVISE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR

SUBJECT: USG SUPPORT FOR ICRC PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

REF: GENEVA 8877

1. (C) AT MISSION'S REQUEST, ICRC WILL PROVIDE TO US
NEXT WEEK A SUMMARY OF ITS ARGENTINA PROGRAM AND RELEVANT
BUDGETARY PROJECTIONS. SORENSON

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REF: GENEVA 5321

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY ICRC ON ICRC PRISONER ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA DURING 1978. MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPT.

2. QUOTE.

FROM JANUARY TO THE END OF APRIL 1977, THE ICRC CARRIED OUT THE FIRST SERIES OF VISITS TO PLACES OF DETENTION IN ARGENTINA. THESE WERE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND RESUMED IN DECEMBER.

3. VISITS TO PLACES OF DETENTION

THESE VISITS CONTINUED RIGHT THROUGH 1978. THE ICRC DELEGATES WENT TO 32 PLACES OF DETENTION WHERE THERE WERE ABOUT 4,000 DETAINEES. AFTER THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, THE AUTHORITIES STATED THAT AT THE END OF 1978 THERE WERE 2,500 HELD AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

MOST PLACES OF DETENTION WERE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY SERVICE. TWO - THE MILITARY PRISON OF MAGDALENA, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES, AND THE MILITARY CAMP OF LA RIVERA, PROVINCE OF CORDOBA, CAME UNDER THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. A THIRD CAME UNDER THE FEDERAL POLICE IN BUENOS AIRES.

SOME OF THE PLACES OF DETENTION WERE VISITED ON TWO AND EVEN THREE OCCASIONS. THIS WAS THE CASE FOR THE SEVEN PLACES OF DETENTION WHERE THERE WERE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF DETAINEES, NAMELY, THE PRISON OF VILLA-DEVOTO IN BUENOS AIRES, AND THOSE OF LA PLATA, SIERRA CHICA, RAMON, CORDOBA, RESISTENCIA AND CORDOBA.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA WHICH THE ICRC CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND THE CONDITIONS ACCEPTED BY THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES IN 1977, THE DELEGATES WERE ABLE TO TALK TO ALL THE DETAINEES IN PRIVATE, COMPIL LIST OF NAMES, DISTRIBUTE VARIOUS RELIEF ITEMS AND UNDERTAKE A PROGRAM OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO DETAINEES FAMILIES.

THESE CONDITIONS ALSO STIPULATED THAT THE ICRC WAS FREE TO MEET ALL PERSONS DETAINED BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN ARGENTINA. THIS FREEDOM WAS GRANTED IN MOST OF THE PLACES VISITED BY THE DELEGATES, WHO MET ALL THE DETAINEES HELD AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THE FEDERAL POLICE AND THOSE IMPRISONED BY THE MILITARY TRIBUNALS. HOWEVER, IN TWO PRISONS, THOSE OF RAMON AND BAHIA-BLANCA, THEY WERE UNABLE TO VISIT 17 DETAINEES WHO

HAD YET TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

BESIDES THE PERMANENT CONTACT ESTABLISHED BY THE DELEGATION IN BUENOS AIRES WITH THE AUTHORITIES, ALL THESE VISITS WERE RECORDED BY THE ICRC AND THE REPORTS WERE HANDED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

IN APRIL DURING A MISSION TO ARGENTINA, THE DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR LATIN AMERICA DISCUSSED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC WITH THE MINISTERS OF THE INTERIOR AND OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WITH THE GENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND THE COMMANDER OF THE 3RD ARMY CORPS.

IN NOVEMBER A MEMORANDUM WAS HANDED TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SUMMING UP THE STATEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE DELEGATES AS A RESULT OF THEIR VISITS. THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE ICRC THAT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE OBSERVATIONS, STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO REMEDY SHORTCOMINGS REPORTED BY THE DELEGATES.

AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE ICRC, THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES RELEASED SEVERAL DETAINEES FOR HEALTH REASONS.
4. RIGHT OF OPTION

IN RELATION TO THE RIGHT OF OPTION, THE ICRC IS CALLED UPON AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO CONTACT THE FAMILIES OF DETAINEES AND EMBASSIES ABLE TO PROVIDE VISAS AND TO TAKE STEPS WITH THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

THESE HAVE GIVEN THEIR FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE ICRC'S HANDLING THE CASES OF DETAINEES WHO HAVE NO CLOSE

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RELATIVES AND WHO ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO EXERCISE THIS
RIGHT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE ARGENTINE CONSTITUTION.

5. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

IN THE BEGINNING OF 1977 THE ICRC STARTED A PROGRAM
OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE MOST NEED FAMILIES OF DETAINEES.

THIS ACTIVITY WAS STEPPED UP IN 1978, SO THAT BY THE
END OF THE YEAR 900 FAMILIES, COMPARED WITH 200 IN THE
BEGINNING, WERE RECEIVING THE BENEFIT. THIS CONSISTED OF
A FOOD PARCEL EVERY MONTH AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, EMERGENCY
MEDICAL AID ALSO.

IN SOME PRISONS THE DELEGATES GAVE DETAINEES
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO 12,500 SWISS FRANCS.
MOREOVER, EVERY MONTH FROM OCTOBER ONWARDS THE ICRC
GAVE DETAINEES IN THE LARGER PRISONS WITH NO FINANCIAL
RESOURCES SMALL SUMS OF MONEY WHICH THEY COULD SPEND IN THE
PRISON CANTEENS.

IN 1978, THE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE ICRC
TO DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES AMOUNTED TO 171,300 SWISS
FRANCS (INCLUDING 5 TONS OF MILK DONATED TO THE ICRC
BY THE SWISS CONFEDERATION).

6. MISSING PERSONS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRAL
TRACING AGENCY

THE AGENCY OFFICE IN THE DELEGATION IN BUENOS AIRES
CONTINUED RECORDING THE NAMES OF PERSONS REPORTED MISSING
AND HANDED THESE LISTS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
AT THE END OF THE YEAR THE ICRC HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY NEWS
FROM THE LATTER.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY OFFICE MAINLY CONSISTED
IN RECORDING, C. INDEX-CARDS, ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO DETAINEES VISITED, TRANSFERRED AND RELEASED. IT ALSO
ISSUED ABOUT 120 TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO REFUGEES WITHOUT
IDENTIFICATION PAPERS, WHO WERE AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE
ARGENTINA AND GO TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

7. STAFF STRENGTH

IN 1978, THE DELEGATION IN BUENOS AIRES, WHICH IS
ALSO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION
FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTHERN CONE, WAS MADE UP
OF EIGHT PERSONS, NAMELY, ONE PERSON IN CHARGE, TWO
DELEGATES, TWO DOCTOR-DELEGATES, ONE AGENCY DELEGATE,
A PERSON FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND A SECRETARY.
IN ADDITION, THE ICRC RECRUITED 13 PERSONS LOCALLY.

8. FINANCING

IN JULY 1978, CONSIDERING THE EXTENT OF ITS
ACTIVITIES OF PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE IN ARGENTINA,
THE ICRC MADE AN APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONAL
SOCIETIES OF A SCORE OF COUNTRIES FOR 2.4 MILLION SWISS

FRANCS A YEAR. BY THE END OF 1978 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE ICRC CAME TO 1,061,705 SWISS
FRANCS AND BY THE END OF APRIL 1979, 1,990,606 SWISS FRANCS
AND BY THE END OF APRIL 1979, 1,690,606 SWISS FRANCS.

EXPENDITURE TO DATE AMOUNTS TO 1,240,550 SWISS
FRANCS, THE AVAILABLE BALANCE BEING 650,500 SWISS FRANCS.
TO COVER THE ESTIMATED EXPENSES FROM MAY 1979 UNTIL THE
END OF THE YEAR, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE AVAILABLE BALANCE
AND OF THE CURRENT MONTHLY BUDGET OF 150,000 SWISS FRANCS
FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS AND PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE FOR
DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF
APPROXIMATELY 550,000 SWISS FRANCS IS REQUIRED.

9. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM AS OF APRIL 30,
1979 WERE:

CANADA	163,480.00
GREAT BRITAIN	134,420.00
NETHERLANDS	176,250.00
NORWAY	313,922.46
SWEDEN	391,900.00
SWITZERLAND	500,000.00

IN ADDITION, 179,415 SWISS FRANCS WERE GIVEN BY
NATIONAL SOCIETIES FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, JAPAN, SPAIN,
SWEDEN AND 35,218.25 SWISS FRANCS FROM OXFAM AND
MISCELLANEOUS IN SWITZERLAND. VANDEN NEUVEL

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